

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of supporting the maintenance of an existing a cardiac emergency readiness program at a facility wherein the program includes at least one automated external defibrillator deployed in at least one location at the facility and having a replaceable battery and electrodes for resuscitating a cardiac arrest victim, the method comprising:

auditing the facility and the program to determine if ~~the program has met~~ certain minimum program requirements ~~including proper placement of at least one~~ for automated external defibrillators and their use within at the facility have been met by: so as to assure a predetermined proximity to an automated external defibrillator by any victim of sudden cardiac arrest at the facility;

causing an accessibility survey of the facility to be performed to determine the accessibility of the at least one deployed defibrillator,

determining as one of the minimum program requirements the required locations for defibrillators as compared with the at least one location of the at least one deployed defibrillator so as to assure accessibility by providing predetermined proximity of the defibrillators to a victim regardless of the location of the victim within the facility,

causing an operational review of the at least one deployed defibrillator including the battery and electrodes of the at least one deployed defibrillator,

determining as one of the minimum program requirements any maintenance requirements of the at least one deployed defibrillator including a required time for replacement of the battery and the electrodes,

causing a review of personnel at the facility to determine the number and status of trained and certified personnel to use the at least one deployed defibrillator, and

determining as one of the minimum program requirements a number and status of trained and certified personnel required in order to assure proper coverage and usage of the required number of defibrillators including the at least one deployed defibrillator at the facility,

reporting results of the auditing to the facility so as to cause any necessary modifications in the program to be made including the number and location of, the battery and electrodes for, and the personnel who are trained and certified to use defibrillators including the at least one deployed defibrillator in order to satisfy the minimum program requirements, and

certifying that the minimum program requirements for defibrillators including the at least one deployed defibrillator and their usage at the facility have been satisfied as having a cardiac emergency readiness program which has met certain minimum requirements including proper placement of the at least one automated external defibrillator; and

providing ongoing support for the cardiac emergency readiness program including promotion of the facility as having a certified cardiac emergency readiness program through a communication network..

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising:

promoting the facility as having a certified cardiac emergency readiness program ~~conducting a survey to determine the proper placement of the at least one automated external defibrillator so as to assure the predetermined proximity.~~

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising:

providing a defibrillator usage review after a sudden cardiac arrest event at the facility ~~identifying facility personnel to be responsible for the cardiac emergency program, said certifying the facility as having met said certain minimum requirements including a requirement for the identification of facility personnel responsible for the cardiac emergency readiness program.~~

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising:

ensuring compliance with legal requirements associated with the certified cardiac emergency readiness program ~~reviewing maintenance of the at least one automated external defibrillator, said certifying the facility as having met certain minimum requirements including a requirement for proper maintenance of the at least one automated external defibrillator.~~

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising:

coordinating insurance coverage relating to the certified cardiac emergency readiness program. ~~providing reviewing training of the facility personnel to use the at least one automated external defibrillator, said certifying the facility as having met certain minimum requirements including a requirement for proper training of facility personnel to use the at least one automated external defibrillator.~~

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising: ~~wherein the step of providing ongoing support includes the maintenance of~~ maintaining a check list including the name of the person responsible for the cardiac emergency program and the number of automated external defibrillators.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is a hotel.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is a convention hall.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is a shopping mall.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is a golf course.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is used for supporting events.

- 41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is used for concerts.
- 42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is a health club.
- 43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is a business complex.
- 44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is an industrial site.
- 45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is a manufacturing site.
- 46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is an amusement park.
- 47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the facility is located at an educational institution.